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More California State Park fees reduced January 1

Sacramento – On Monday, January 1, the final wave of state park admission fee reductions will take effect.

They include the reduction of camping fees and elimination of most camping premium fees, the reduction of day use fees in remaining state parks (urban beaches and reservoirs), and the elimination of boat launching fees. Also, the Limited Use Gold Bear Pass for seniors has been reduced from \$20 to \$10.

“This is an unprecedented fee reduction—something that has not happened in western states in more than a decade” said State Parks Director Rusty Areias. “Californians and visitors to our great state are enjoying reduced fees at some of the best parks and historic sites in the nation.” Governor Gray Davis and Director Areias first unveiled the proposal to cut State park day use and admission fees in half May 1, 2000. In July 2000, fees were reduced for museums, historic sites, and the day use at 100 state parks. In August, fees were reduced at Hearst Castle.

The across-the-board fee reductions make State parks more affordable for working families, schools, groups, associations and clubs. Reduced fees will make many State parks a more convenient and affordable location for shorter visits, picnics, as well as longer visits for such things as camping, boating or other recreation.

The new fee reductions are outlined on the attached sheet. Details are available on the California State Parks website at <http://parks.ca.gov/NEWS/news00/may01a.htm>

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